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Reduction by the District Educational Council, Malabar, of the teaching grants payable to the Mappilla elementary schools, Cannanore range, for 1932–33.

* 266 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the District Educational Council, Malabar, has reduced the teaching grants payable to the Mappilla elementary schools of Cannanore Mappilla range in the year 1932–33;

(*b*) whether as a result thereof the managers of aided schools have been constrained to close down their schools; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) A resolution of the managers of the Mappilla elementary schools (Cannanore range) to this effect has been received.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" In view of the avowed policy of the Government to encourage education among the backward and minority communities, will the Government consider the advisability of restoring these grants so as to enable those schools to reopen? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar:—" May I ask whether the Government will call for a report about the resolution that has been forwarded to the hon. Minister for Education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information about the number of schools that have been closed down? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Yes, Sir."

Educational subsidies to District Boards.

* 267 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of high schools and middle schools maintained by each of the district boards in this province;

(*b*) the amount of annual subsidy given to each of the district boards for meeting the cost of these schools; and

(*c*) the basis on which these subsidies have been fixed?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables in Volume II of the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency.